



WILLITS BYPASS

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PROCESS



RECENT ENVIRONMENTAL MILESTONES ACHIEVED

- Draft Environmental Document (DEIR/EIS) Completed and Circulated for Public Comments MAY 2002
- Development and study of Modified Alternative J1T AUGUST 2002/
FEBRUARY 2005
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approves the wetlands delineation mapping for Modified Alternative J1T MARCH 2005
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers concurs that Modified Alternative J1T is the "Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative" (LEDPA) JUNE 2005
- Caltrans completes Wetlands Mitigation Feasibility Study JUNE 2005
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service begin their formal reviews of Modified Alternative J1T (Initiation of formal Section 7 Consultation for federally-listed species) AUGUST 2005

NEXT STEPS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS

- Complete Conceptual Mitigation Plan for Modified Alternative J1T Impacts to Natural Resources AUGUST 2005
- Submit Administrative Draft of Final Environmental Document (EIR/EIS) to FHWA OCTOBER 2005
- Complete Section 7 Consultation NOVEMBER 2005
- FHWA Approves Final Environmental Document. Notice of Availability is posted in Federal Register (30-Day Posting) DECEMBER 2005
- File Notice of Determination (NOD) at the State Clearinghouse DECEMBER 2005
- FHWA issues a Record of Decision (ROD) on the project (Completion of Environmental Process) JANUARY 2006